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LISTENING SESSIONS FOR THE STATE'S LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

On Wednesday, September 24, 2003, the Connecticut Department of Transportation will host the final of seven Listening Sessions for updating the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP). This federally mandated document will outline Connecticut's transportation policies and strategies for the next 20 years. The session will be held in the Main Room of the Sullivan Senior Center at 88 East Albert Street, Torrington, Connecticut from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Parking will be available on site.

"Once again, I am impressed by Connecticut's citizens and their commitment to this State, particularly our transportation system," Commissioner James F. Byrnes, Jr. said. "The Department held six Listening Sessions earlier in the month which were located throughout the State and had a total participation of approximately 120 people. Wednesday will be the final session and I hope that it will also be well attended. Comments will be accepted until October 31, 2003. All comments received at the Listening Sessions and those submitted in writing will be reviewed as part of the process for preparing a draft plan."

At the start of each Listening Session, prior to opening the floor to public comment, a 20-minute presentation will be given that offers background information on the LRP.

The Department has continued to receive written comments daily from persons throughout the State. Public input has focussed on transit, the highway system, ferry services, airports, needs of bicyclists and pedestrians, system connectivity, and transportation options for Connecticut's elderly and disabled.

Additional information on the LRP and the proposed listening sessions is available at the Department's website, <http://www.dot.state.ct.us>. Copies of the presentation will be available on the Department's website after September 24, 2003.

Comments may be submitted electronically to roxane.fromson@po.state.ct.us. Comments may also be mailed to the attention of Ms. Roxane Fromson, Transportation Supervising Planner, Bureau of Policy and Planning at the Connecticut Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546.

All meeting facilities are handicapped accessible.